

Maria Chapman the great Abolitionist

Dear Mrs Arnold,

Many thanks

for the plants & roots you
were so kind as to send
me - you may infer
the quality & agree of our
floriculture here, from
my poor homage of
a bouquet of the only
Flowers the land has pro-
duced since Weymouth

was a town.

In the midst of
so many other occupi-
tions & responsibilities, I
have always been averse
to undertake those little
gardening enterprises.
But my sister encouraged
me by your example
& Mr. Knobell's, to think
that the greater growths
one cherishes need not
check the less: - and I
was greatly struck & touched

by one instance of
it in Mr Arnold's
admirable self-sacrifice
to his new Bedford school,
of which it seems to
me not many persons
would be capable. It
will be his all-different
reward that what is
important in every form
of existence from the
hot house to the human
mind will go on
growing while the
aces endure.

With reverence

Thanks I owe
dear Mrs. Arnold

yours very truly

H.W. Chapman

Plymouth

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